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Afghan native Razia Jan is donating two quilts to the Pentagon, remembering those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Photo by Keith L. Martin

## Tailor Donating 9/11 Quilts to Pentagon

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For the second year since the attacks of September 11, 2001, a local tailor is donating homemade quilts remembering the victims of that tragic day.

Razia Jan of Razia's in Duxbury Marketplace, a native of Afghanistan, is bringing two of her quilts to Washington D.C. for a ceremony on Thursday at the Pentagon.

The quilts are dedicated to the memory of those who died while working in the building and another for those

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who lost their lives aboard Flight 77. Jan is hoping the Pentagon uses the quilts in their memorial services on Thursday.

"I thought this was an appropriate time for a quilt for the Pentagon because of our military involved in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Jan. "With soldiers dying and a sad situation, I wanted to honor people who are doing their duty. We are going through a rough time, but we all support our soldiers."

Jan will present both quilts at Thursday's ceremony honoring troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Afterwards, her work will be on display at the Army Women's Museum in Virginia.

The two quilts have taken the past nine months to make. She found each person's photo, if available, and biography on the Internet and transferred that information to patches to make the quilts.

Jan, who currently lives in Marshfield, added that making the quilts has helped her while hearing about both Americans and Afghanis who have lost their lives over the



Each quilt features pictures and biographies of those who lost their lives at the Pentagon and aboard Flight 77.

last few months.

"As an Afghan woman, when I see someone die from the U.S. or Afghanistan, it is heartbreaking, but the quilts help me," she said. "Things are so difficult now, but this is my way to show we care for those we have lost."

Jan is working with Ronald Dayton Wolfe, a retired Pentagon worker and Duxbury resident, to get the quilts to the Pentagon in time for the memorial. She found Wolfe through another customer who also used to work at the Pentagon and thought the donation would be welcomed by personnel there.